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ARTICLE 9

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279.17 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.111, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

279.18 Subd. 2a. **Federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food**
279.19 **service program; criteria and notice.** (a) The commissioner must post on the department's
279.20 website eligibility criteria and application information for nonprofit organizations interested
279.21 in applying to the commissioner for approval as a multisite sponsoring organization under
279.22 the federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food service program.
279.23 The posted criteria and information must inform interested nonprofit organizations about:

279.24 (1) the criteria the commissioner uses to approve or disapprove an application, including
279.25 how an applicant demonstrates financial viability for the Minnesota program, among other
279.26 criteria;

279.27 (2) the commissioner's process and time line for notifying an applicant when its
279.28 application is approved or disapproved and, if the application is disapproved, the explanation
279.29 the commissioner provides to the applicant; and

279.30 (3) any appeal or other recourse available to a disapproved applicant.

280.1 (b) The commissioner must evaluate financial eligibility as part of the application process.
280.2 An organization applying to be a prospective sponsor for the federal child and adult food
280.3 care program or the federal summer food service program must provide documentation of
280.4 financial viability as an organization. Documentation must include:

280.5 (1) evidence that the organization has operated for at least one year and has filed at least
280.6 one tax return;

280.7 (2) the most recent tax return submitted by the organization and corresponding forms
280.8 and financial statements;

280.9 (3) a profit and loss statement and balance sheet or similar financial information; and

280.10 (4) evidence that at least ten percent of the organization's operating revenue comes from
280.11 sources other than the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition program and
280.12 that the organization has additional funds or a performance bond available to cover at least
280.13 one month of reimbursement claims.

280.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

280.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.111, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

280.16 Subd. 5. **Respectful treatment.** (a) The participant must also provide meals to students
280.17 in a respectful manner according to the policy adopted under subdivision 1. The participant
280.18 must ensure that any reminders for payment of outstanding student meal balances do not

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20.30 care program or the federal summer food service program must provide documentation of
20.31 financial viability as an organization. Documentation must include:

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20.33 one tax return;

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21.2 and financial statements;

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21.4 (4) evidence that at least ten percent of the organization's operating revenue comes from
21.5 sources other than the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition program and
21.6 that the organization has additional funds or a performance bond available to cover at least
21.7 one month of reimbursement claims.

21.8 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.111, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

21.9 Subd. 5. **Respectful treatment.** (a) The participant must also provide meals to students
21.10 in a respectful manner according to the policy adopted under subdivision 1. The participant
21.11 must ensure that any reminders for payment of outstanding student meal balances do not

280.19 demean or stigmatize any child participating in the school lunch program, including but not
280.20 limited to dumping meals; withdrawing a meal that has been served; announcing or listing
280.21 students' names publicly; providing alternative meals not specifically related to dietary
280.22 needs; providing nonreimbursable meals; or affixing stickers, stamps, or pins. The participant
280.23 must not impose any other restriction prohibited under section 123B.37 due to unpaid student
280.24 meal balances. The participant must not limit a student's participation in any school activities,
280.25 graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletics, activity clubs, or other extracurricular activities
280.26 or access to materials, technology, or other items provided to students due to an unpaid
280.27 student meal balance.

280.28 (b) If the commissioner or the commissioner's designee determines a participant has
280.29 violated the requirement to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner,
280.30 the commissioner or the commissioner's designee must send a letter of noncompliance to
280.31 the participant. The participant is required to respond and, if applicable, remedy the practice
280.32 within 60 days.

280.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

281.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.1158, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter
281.2 18, section 2, is amended to read:

281.3 **124D.1158 SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM.**

281.4 Subdivision 1. **Purpose; eligibility.** (a) The purpose of the school breakfast program is
281.5 to provide affordable morning nutrition to children so that they can effectively learn.

281.6 (b) A school district, charter school, nonpublic school, or other participant in the federal
281.7 school breakfast program may receive state breakfast aid.

281.8 (c) Schools shall encourage all children to eat a nutritious breakfast, either at home or
281.9 at school, and shall work to eliminate barriers to breakfast participation at school such as
281.10 inadequate facilities and transportation.

281.11 Subd. 3. **Program reimbursement.** Each school year, the state must reimburse each
281.12 participating school either:

281.13 (1) 30 cents for each reduced-price breakfast, 55 cents for each fully paid breakfast
281.14 served to students in grades 1 to 12, and \$1.30 for each fully paid breakfast served to a
281.15 prekindergarten student enrolled in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under
281.16 section 124D.151, early childhood special education student participating in a program
281.17 authorized under section 124D.151, or a kindergarten student; or

281.18 (2) if the school participates in the free school meals program under section 124D.111,
281.19 subdivision 1c, state aid as provided in section 124D.111, subdivision 1d.

21.12 demean or stigmatize any child participating in the school lunch program, including but not
21.13 limited to dumping meals; withdrawing a meal that has been served; announcing or listing
21.14 students' names publicly; providing alternative meals not specifically related to dietary
21.15 needs; providing nonreimbursable meals; or affixing stickers, stamps, or pins. The participant
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21.22 violated the requirement to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner,
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125.6 section 124D.151, early childhood special education student participating in a program
125.7 authorized under section 124D.151, or a kindergarten student; or

125.8 (2) if the school participates in the free school meals program under section 124D.111,
125.9 subdivision 1c, state aid as provided in section 124D.111, subdivision 1d.

281.20 Subd. 4. **No fees.** A school that receives school breakfast aid under this section must
281.21 make breakfast available without charge to all participating students in grades 1 to 12 who
281.22 qualify for free or reduced-price meals and to all prekindergarten students enrolled in an
281.23 approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, early childhood
281.24 special education students participating in a program authorized under section 124D.151,
281.25 and all kindergarten students.

281.26 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.119, is amended to read:

281.27 **124D.119 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE ~~REPLACEMENT AID~~ PROGRAM AND**
281.28 **CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM.**

281.29 Subdivision 1. **Summer Food Service Program replacement aid.** States State funds
281.30 are available to compensate department-approved Summer Food Service Program sponsors.
281.31 Reimbursement shall be made on December 15 based on total meals served by each sponsor
281.32 from the end of the school year to the beginning of the next school year on a pro rata basis.

282.1 Subd. 2. **Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program**
282.2 **sponsor organizations.** Legally distinct Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer
282.3 Food Service Program sites may transfer sponsoring organizations no more than once per
282.4 year, except under extenuating circumstances including termination of the sponsoring
282.5 organization's agreement or other circumstances approved by the Department of Education.

282.6 Subd. 3. **Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program**
282.7 **training.** Prior to applying to sponsor a Child and Adult Care Food Program or Summer
282.8 Food Service Program site, a nongovernmental organization applicant must provide
282.9 documentation to the Department of Education verifying that staff members have completed
282.10 program-specific training as designated by the commissioner.

282.11 Subd. 4. **Summer Food Service Program locations.** Consistent with Code of Federal
282.12 Regulations, title 7, section 225.6(d)(1)(ii), the Department of Education must not approve
282.13 a new Summer Food Service Program open site that is within a half-mile radius of an existing
282.14 Summer Food Service Program open site. The department may approve a new Summer
282.15 Food Service Program open site within a half-mile radius only if the new program will not
282.16 be serving the same group of children for the same meal type or if there are safety issues
282.17 that could present barriers to participation.

282.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

282.19 Sec. 5. **[124D.901] SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS.**

282.20 A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable
282.21 and free access to students, teachers, and administrators.

282.22 A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:

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22.17 issues that could present barriers to participation.

41.5 Sec. 8. **[124D.901] SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS.**

41.6 A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable
41.7 and free access to students, teachers, and administrators.

41.8 A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:

- 282.23 (1) ensures every student has equitable access to resources and is able to locate, access,
282.24 and use resources that are organized and cataloged;
- 282.25 (2) has a collection development plan that includes but is not limited to materials selection
282.26 and deselection, a challenged materials procedure, and an intellectual and academic freedom
282.27 statement;
- 282.28 (3) is housed in a central location that provides an environment for expanded learning
282.29 and supports a variety of student interests;
- 282.30 (4) has technology and Internet access; and
- 282.31 (5) is served by a licensed school library media specialist or licensed school librarian.
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- 283.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 283.2 Subdivision 1. **Library service.** The state shall, as an integral part of its responsibility
283.3 for public education, support the provision of library service for every ~~citizen~~ resident, the
283.4 development of cooperative programs for the sharing of resources and services among all
283.5 libraries, and the establishment of jointly operated library services at a single location where
283.6 appropriate.
- 283.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
- 283.8 Subd. 4a. **Services to people with visual and physical disabilities.** The Minnesota
283.9 Department of Education shall provide specialized services to people with visual and physical

- 41.9 (1) ensures every student has equitable access to resources and is able to locate, access,
41.10 and use resources that are organized and cataloged;
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- 125.16 Sec. 2. **[124D.901] PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS.**
- 125.17 A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable
125.18 and free access to students, teachers, and administrators.
- 125.19 A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:
- 125.20 (1) ensures every student has equitable access to resources and is able to locate, access,
125.21 and use resources that are organized and cataloged;
- 125.22 (2) has a collection development plan that includes but is not limited to materials selection
125.23 and deselection, a challenged materials procedure, and an intellectual and academic freedom
125.24 statement;
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125.26 and supports a variety of student interests;
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41.22 libraries, and the establishment of jointly operated library services at a single location where
41.23 appropriate.
- 41.24 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
- 41.25 Subd. 4a. **Services to people with visual and physical disabilities.** The Minnesota
41.26 Department of Education shall provide specialized services to people with visual and physical

283.10 disabilities through the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library under a cooperative
283.11 plan with the National Library ~~Services Service~~ for the Blind and ~~Physically Handicapped~~
283.12 ~~Print Disabled~~ of the Library of Congress.

283.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

283.14 Subd. 4. **Special project grants.** It may provide special project grants to assist innovative
283.15 and experimental library programs including, but not limited to, special services for American
283.16 Indians and ~~the Spanish-speaking multilingual learners~~, delivery of library materials to
283.17 homebound persons, other extensions of library services to persons without access to libraries
283.18 and projects to strengthen and improve library services.

283.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.34, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

283.20 Subdivision 1. **Local support levels.** (a) Regional library basic system support aid shall
283.21 be provided to any regional public library system where there are at least three participating
283.22 counties and where each participating city and county is providing for public library service
283.23 support the lesser of (a) an amount equivalent to .82 percent of the average of the adjusted
283.24 net tax capacity of the taxable property of that city or county, as determined by the
283.25 commissioner of revenue for the second, third, and fourth year preceding that calendar year
283.26 or (b) a per capita amount calculated under the provisions of this subdivision. The per capita
283.27 amount is established for calendar year 1993 as \$7.62. In succeeding calendar years, the
283.28 per capita amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage by
283.29 which the total state adjusted net tax capacity of property as determined by the commissioner
283.30 of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year increases over that total adjusted
283.31 net tax capacity for the third year preceding that calendar year.

284.1 (b) The minimum level of support specified under this subdivision or subdivision 4 shall
284.2 be certified annually to the participating cities and counties by the Department of Education.
284.3 If a city or county chooses to reduce its local support in accordance with subdivision 4,
284.4 paragraph (b) or (c), it shall notify its regional public library system. The regional public
284.5 library system shall notify the Department of Education that a revised certification is required.
284.6 The revised minimum level of support shall be certified to the city or county by the
284.7 Department of Education.

284.8 (c) A city which is a part of a regional public library system shall not be required to
284.9 provide this level of support if the property of that city is already taxable by the county for
284.10 the support of that regional public library system. In no event shall the Department of
284.11 Education require any city or county to provide a higher level of support than the level of
284.12 support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for regional library basic
284.13 system support aid. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from
284.14 providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified
284.15 in this section.

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42.13 commissioner of revenue for the second, third, and fourth year preceding that calendar year
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42.16 per capita amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage by
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42.18 of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year increases over that total adjusted
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42.26 Department of Education.

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42.28 provide this level of support if the property of that city is already taxable by the county for
42.29 the support of that regional public library system. In no event shall the Department of
42.30 Education require any city or county to provide a higher level of support than the level of
42.31 support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for regional library basic
42.32 system support aid. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from
42.33 providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified
42.34 in this section.

284.16 (d) The amounts required to be expended under this section are subject to the reduced
284.17 maintenance of effort requirements under section 275.761.

284.18 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

284.19 Subd. 5. **Base aid distribution.** ~~Five~~ Fifteen percent of the available aid funds shall be
284.20 paid to each system as base aid for basic system services.

284.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
284.22 later.

284.23 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

284.24 Subd. 6. **Adjusted net tax capacity per capita distribution.** ~~Twenty-five~~ Fifteen percent
284.25 of the available aid funds shall be distributed to regional public library systems based upon
284.26 the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each member county or participating portion of
284.27 a county as calculated for the ~~second~~ third year preceding the fiscal year for which aid is
284.28 provided. Each system's entitlement shall be calculated as follows:

284.29 ~~(a)~~ (1) multiply the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each county or participating
284.30 portion of a county by .0082;

284.31 ~~(b)~~ (2) add sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the
284.32 amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the lowest value calculated
285.1 according to ~~paragraph (a) clause (1)~~ to the amount of the county or participating portion
285.2 of a county with the next highest value calculated according to ~~paragraph (a) clause (1)~~.
285.3 Multiply the amount of the additional aid funds by the population of the county or
285.4 participating portion of a county;

285.5 ~~(c)~~ (3) continue the process described in ~~paragraph (b) clause (2)~~ by adding sufficient
285.6 aid funds that are available under this subdivision to the amount of a county or participating
285.7 portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in ~~paragraph (a) clause (1)~~ to raise
285.8 it and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with lower values
285.9 calculated in ~~paragraph (a) clause (1)~~ up to the amount of the county or participating portion
285.10 of a county with the next highest value, until reaching an amount where funds available

43.1 (d) The amounts required to be expended under this section are subject to the reduced
43.2 maintenance of effort requirements under section 275.761.

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125.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

125.30 Subdivision 1. **Appropriations.** (a) Basic system support aid and regional library
125.31 telecommunications aid provide the appropriations for the basic regional library system.

126.1 (b) For fiscal year 2026 and later, basic system support aid equals the aid entitlement
126.2 amount for the previous fiscal year times one plus the percent increase in the basic formula
126.3 allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, from the previous school year to the current
126.4 school year.

126.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.

126.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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126.20 amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the lowest value calculated
126.21 according to ~~paragraph (a) clause (1)~~ to the amount of the county or participating portion
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126.24 participating portion of a county;

126.25 ~~(c)~~ (3) continue the process described in ~~paragraph (b) clause (2)~~ by adding sufficient
126.26 aid funds that are available under this subdivision to the amount of a county or participating
126.27 portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in ~~paragraph (a) clause (1)~~ to raise
126.28 it and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with lower values
126.29 calculated in ~~paragraph (a) clause (1)~~ up to the amount of the county or participating portion
126.30 of a county with the next highest value, until reaching an amount where funds available

285.11 under this subdivision are no longer sufficient to raise the amount of a county or participating
285.12 portion of a county and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with
285.13 lower values up to the amount of the next highest county or participating portion of a county;
285.14 and

285.15 ~~(d)~~ (4) if the point is reached using the process in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ clauses (2) and
285.16 (3) at which the remaining aid funds under this subdivision are not adequate for raising the
285.17 amount of a county or participating portion of a county and all counties and participating
285.18 portions of counties with amounts of lower value to the amount of the county or participating
285.19 portion of a county with the next highest value, those funds are to be divided on a per capita
285.20 basis for all counties or participating portions of counties that received aid funds under the
285.21 calculation in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ clauses (2) and (3).

285.22 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
285.23 later.

285.24 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

285.25 Subd. 7. **Population determination.** A regional public library system's population shall
285.26 ~~be determined according to~~ must be calculated using the most recent estimate available
285.27 under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which
285.28 must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

285.29 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
285.30 later.

126.31 under this subdivision are no longer sufficient to raise the amount of a county or participating
126.32 portion of a county and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with
127.1 lower values up to the amount of the next highest county or participating portion of a county;
127.2 and

127.3 ~~(d)~~ (4) if the point is reached using the process in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ clauses (2) and
127.4 (3) at which the remaining aid funds under this subdivision are not adequate for raising the
127.5 amount of a county or participating portion of a county and all counties and participating
127.6 portions of counties with amounts of lower value to the amount of the county or participating
127.7 portion of a county with the next highest value, those funds are to be divided on a per capita
127.8 basis for all counties or participating portions of counties that received aid funds under the
127.9 calculation in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ clauses (2) and (3).

127.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
127.11 later.

127.12 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

127.13 Subd. 7. **Population determination.** A regional public library system's population shall
127.14 ~~be determined according to~~ must be calculated using the most recent estimate available
127.15 under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which
127.16 must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

127.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
127.18 later.

127.19 Sec. 7. **[134.356] SCHOOL LIBRARY AID.**

127.20 Subdivision 1. **School library aid.** For fiscal year 2024 and later, school library aid for
127.21 a district or charter school equals the greater of \$15 times the district's adjusted pupil units
127.22 for the school year or \$50,000.

127.23 Subd. 2. **Uses of school library aid.** School library aid must be reserved and used for
127.24 directly funding the costs of the following purposes within a library:

127.25 (1) the salaries and benefits of a school library media specialist;

127.26 (2) electronic, computer, and audiovisual equipment;

127.27 (3) information technology infrastructure and digital tools;

127.28 (4) electronic and material resources; or

127.29 (5) furniture, equipment, or supplies.

128.1 Subd. 3. **Material access for students.** Recognizing the difference between school
128.2 libraries, school computer labs, and school media centers, which serve unique educational

286.1 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

286.2 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,
286.3 including the amounts for the free school meals program:

286.4 ~~190,863,000~~
286.5 \$ 190,897,000 2024

286.6 ~~197,902,000~~
286.7 \$ 198,154,000 2025

286.8 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

286.9 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
286.10 124D.1158:

286.11 ~~25,731,000~~
286.12 \$ 25,912,000 2024

286.13 ~~26,538,000~~
286.14 \$ 27,372,000 2025

286.15 Sec. 15. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

286.16 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
286.17 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
286.18 designated. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

286.19 Subd. 2. Basic system support. (a) For basic system support aid under Minnesota
286.20 Statutes, section 134.355:

286.21 \$ 15,550,000 2024

286.22 \$ 15,770,000 2025

286.23 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2023 and \$14,193,000 for 2024.

286.24 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$1,757,000 for 2024 and \$14,213,000 for 2025.

286.25 Subd. 3. Electronic library for Minnesota. For statewide licenses to online databases
286.26 selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for school media

128.3 purposes, and public libraries, which are designed for public inquiry, a school library within
128.4 a school site must restrict student access to materials as required under section 125B.15.

128.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

128.6 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

128.7 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,
128.8 including the amounts for the free school meals program:

128.9 ~~190,863,000~~
128.10 \$ 190,897,000 2024

128.11 ~~197,902,000~~
128.12 \$ 197,936,000 2025

128.13 Sec. 9. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

128.14 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
128.15 124D.1158:

128.16 ~~25,731,000~~
128.17 \$ 25,912,000 2024

128.18 ~~26,538,000~~
128.19 \$ 26,719,000 2025

128.20 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

128.21 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
128.22 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
128.23 designated. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

129.1 Subd. 4. Basic system support. (a) For basic system support aid under Minnesota
129.2 Statutes, section 134.355:

129.3 \$ 17,570,000 2024

129.4 \$ 17,570,000 2025

129.5 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2023 and \$16,213,000 for 2024.

129.6 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$1,801,000 for 2024 and \$15,769,000 for 2025.

129.7 Subd. 5. Electronic library for Minnesota. For statewide licenses to online databases
129.8 selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for school media

286.27 centers, public libraries, state government agency libraries, and public or private college or
286.28 university libraries:

286.29 \$ 900,000 2024

286.30 \$ 900,000 2025

286.31 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
286.32 section 124D.118:

287.1 \$ 659,000 2024

287.2 \$ 659,000 2025

287.3 Subd. 5. **Multicounty, multitype library systems.** (a) For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
287.4 sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

287.5 \$ 1,435,000 2024

287.6 \$ 1,450,000 2025

287.7 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2023 and \$1,305,000 for 2024.

287.8 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$145,000 for 2024 and \$1,305,000 for 2025.

287.9 Subd. 6. **Regional library telecommunications.** (a) For regional library
287.10 telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

129.9 centers, public libraries, state government agency libraries, and public or private college or
129.10 university libraries:

129.11 \$ 900,000 2024

129.12 \$ 900,000 2025

128.24 Subd. 2. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
128.25 section 124D.118:

128.26 \$ 659,000 2024

128.27 \$ 659,000 2025

129.13 Subd. 6. **Licensed library media specialists.** (a) For aid to multicounty, multitype
129.14 library systems to increase the number of licensed library media specialists:

129.15 \$ 1,000,000 2024

129.16 \$ 0 2025

129.17 (b) The aid awarded under this subdivision must be used for activities associated with
129.18 increasing the number of licensed library media specialists, including but not limited to
129.19 conducting a census of licensed library media specialists currently working in Minnesota
129.20 schools, conducting a needs-based assessment to identify gaps in licensed library media
129.21 specialist services, providing professional development opportunities for licensed library
129.22 media specialists, and providing tuition support to candidates seeking to attain school library
129.23 media specialist licensure.

129.24 (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

129.25 Subd. 7. **Multicounty, multitype library systems.** (a) For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
129.26 sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

129.27 \$ 2,000,000 2024

129.28 \$ 2,000,000 2025

129.29 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2023 and \$1,870,000 for 2024.

129.30 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$207,000 for 2024 and \$1,793,000 for 2025.

129.31 Subd. 8. **Regional library telecommunications.** (a) For regional library
129.32 telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

287.11 \$ 2,300,000 2024

287.12 \$ 2,300,000 2025

287.13 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2023 and \$2,070,000 for 2024.

287.14 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2024 and \$2,070,000 for 2025.

287.15 Subd. 7. **Summer school food service replacement.** For summer school food service
287.16 replacement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.119:

287.17 \$ 150,000 2024

287.18 \$ 150,000 2025

287.19 Sec. 16. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

287.20 The revisor of statutes shall replace the terms "free lunch," "reduced price lunch,"
287.21 "reduced-price lunch," and "free or reduced price lunch" with "free meals," "reduced-price
287.22 meals," and "free or reduced-price meals" wherever they appear in Minnesota Statutes when
287.23 used in context with the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

130.1 \$ 2,300,000 2024

130.2 \$ 2,300,000 2025

130.3 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2023 and \$2,070,000 for 2024.

130.4 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2024 and \$2,070,000 for 2025.

128.28 Subd. 3. **Summer school food service replacement.** For summer school food service
128.29 replacement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.119:

128.30 \$ 150,000 2024

128.31 \$ 150,000 2025

130.5 Subd. 9. **School library aid.** (a) For school library aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
130.6 134.356:

130.7 \$ 28,066,000 2024

130.8 \$ 31,207,000 2025

130.9 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$0 for 2023 and \$28,066,000 for 2024.

130.10 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$3,119,000 for 2024 and \$28,088,000 for 2025.

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27.25 Sec. 30. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

27.26 The revisor of statutes shall replace the terms "free lunch," "reduced price lunch,"
27.27 "reduced-price lunch," and "free or reduced price lunch" with "free meals," "reduced-price
27.28 meals," and "free or reduced-price meals" wherever they appear in Minnesota Statutes when
27.29 used in context with the national school lunch and breakfast programs.